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father to children who are eager for the tales that begin "once upon a time." Perhaps grandfather is called "dear" a little too much to fit the facts in real life; active boys are less fond of that word than would seem from these stories. The best review we can give of the book is to report that we read the stories to two small boys who said simply, "Good! More."

The Churches of Christ in Time of War. Edited by Charles S. Macfarland. New York: Missionary Education Movement, 1917. Pp. vii+191. \$0.50.

The addresses and resolutions connected with the meeting of Protestant Christian forces in America called last May in Washington are gathered and published in this valuable little volume. The addresses were of a high order; but they seem to us the less important section of the book. The "Message to the Churches" is the central thing. It is probably as concrete as would have been desirable under the circumstances; but we are more than ever convinced that what is needed in these days is more specific direction and guidance and less rhetoric and exhortation. The churches need to have detailed programs furnished them, even indicating when the chairman of the meeting shall appoint the next committee and when they ought to hold their first meeting. Give us more programs, worked out and workable!

Ultimate Ideals. By Mary Taylor Blauvelt. Boston: Sherman, French & Co., 1917. Pp. 110. \$1.00.

The Beatitudes are interpreted by the author with all the joy and confidence of one who is sure that a real discovery of the meaning of old and misunderstood words has been made. The familiar sentences are set forth in their true content; but there is nothing of peculiar freshness in the interpretation. The book will be useful in a devotional way.

East by West: Essays in Transportation. By A. J. Morrison. Boston: Sherman, French & Co., 1917. Pp. 177. \$1.25.

The writer of this bewildering book has read a mass of printed matter. He says, "The Encyclopaedia's a weighty book; Smith's row of dictionaries took Me long to read at and digest (If so) from East back East by West: These, with a history or two,— Say, Finley, Grote,—commend to you I of my stays most warmly do."

The pages of prose that follow are not so bad as this; but they are of the same general sort.

Jesus—Teacher. By Frank Webster Smith. New York: Sturgis & Walton Co., 1916. Pp. xii+49. \$0.50.

The author is principal of the City Normal School of Paterson, New Jersey, and attempts to set forth the "method-principles of Jesus" for the guidance of teachers. But his arrangement of his material is disorderly and his style is obscure. A sentence will suffice: "*Dialectic* is a special type of language power." A trained teacher knows all that the little book contains, and an untrained teacher would only be mystified by trying to understand its counsels.

The Three Men of Judea: John, Jesus, and Paul. By Henry S. Stix. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co., 1917. Pp. 101. \$1.00.

The three men whose character and work are sketched here "have had most to do with the founding of the Christian religion" in the judgment of the writer. He has done this piece of work in the hope that thereby he may help break down the barriers between Jew and Christian. The following quotation will display the general character of his work and method of presentation:

"In the three Gospels called the Synoptics, no mention is made of a divine birth. Not even the radical, zealous Paul, in his epistles to the Galatians and Romans, which are considered the only authentic letters of Paul, does he mention a divine origin for Jesus, although at the time the Greeks, as well as the Romans, held similar beliefs in regard to their heroes" (p. 46).

He describes Paul as follows: "Though ungainly in appearance, being short of stature with crooked legs, bushy eyebrows, and long nose, he nevertheless could sway a crowd by the magic power of speech and his keen, quick wit" (p. 53).

Paragraphs of similar character might be quoted at length. It is difficult to discover how such a representation of the three characters chosen can either throw any light upon them or serve to unite Jews and Christians.

Religious Education and Democracy. By Benjamin S. Winchester. New York: Abingdon Press, 1917. Pp. 293. \$1.50.

The title to this book is one of the most interesting that could strike the eye. The volume itself consists of two parts: the first is a survey of week-day religious instruction in America which was made for the Commission of Christian Education of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and revised; the second contains various curricula which were examined in the preparation of the

survey or have been found worth preservation in this collection. The study of the present methods and practice of religious education in the schools is comprehensive, and the principles illustrated are well displayed. Perhaps the most valuable section is chapter xii, in which it is clearly shown that the church must have an adequate program for religious education in the community. This principle is not merely announced and dropped; Dr. Winchester offers many suggestions as to the way in which this is to be worked out in the local situation.

The Heart of a Mother-To-Be. By Mabel Hotchkiss Robbins. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. 145. \$1.00.

This is one of those "intimate" books which is so likely to be a diary of slushy sentiment, but which, in this case, is saved from failure in almost every instance by the play of humor and the health of reality. It is tender and sweet; it is full of little character-sketches of the people that make up a neighborhood far from the centers of life and who are yet rich in their humanity and worth. The writer's memory of Kipling's line quoted on page 33 is not what we would expect from a school-marm; and occasionally the style is hazy. It is a quaint and healthful little book.

The Ministry of Jesus: A Harmony of the Synoptic Gospels. By Anita Saltonstall Ward. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. xi+145. \$1.00.

This book has significance for Bible students quite beyond its modest size. It gives us a harmony of the Synoptic Gospels in most readable and attractive form. The publishers are to be commended for the clear page and the way in which the references have been handled. The Gospel of Mark is made the basis for the arrangement of the material. Passages from this primary source are indicated by an unobtrusive line at the side of the page. Additional material from the Synoptics is inserted, and its source shown by a marginal reference. The text is the American Standard Version. There will be little dissent from the order in which the material is arranged. The book deserves the commendation given it in an introduction by Dr. Ambrose White Vernon.

Eternity. By Ernst Haeckel. New York: The Truth Seeker Co., 1916. x+173 pages.

This is a translation of a booklet published in Germany after the war had been raging a little more than a year. It is the gospel of Monism offered as a consolation in time of war. It is a pathetic offering, in the first place because it so completely misinterprets Christianity, and in the second place because, after it has cleared

the field of superstitions, it presents as the constructive religion of the future only a few moral platitudes with rather uncertain logical connection with a mass of evolutionary-biological-metaphysical observations, couched in a vocabulary which demands a "partial glossary," kindly furnished by the publishers as a bookmark. A ludicrous feature is the appendix, in which the translator has collected certain "vivacious comments of a patriotic German on the turpitude of America and England," which might, if left in their original context, constitute "an interruption of the scientific, philosophic, and religious discussion which constitutes the main interest of the work." It is doubtful whether Haeckel himself would consider these utterances less valuable than the others.

Sermons on the International Sunday-School Lessons for 1918. By the Monday Club. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. ix+369. \$1.15.

This is the forty-third series of sermons published by this group of ministers, centered chiefly in Boston, and united in one of the most delightful bonds of fellowship to be found in the Protestant ministry of America. The sermons are short, averaging about five pages. In some cases the treatment is expository of the text; in others it is on the topic suggested by the lesson. Among the writers Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale stands pre-eminent for his clarity and force. Note this introductory paragraph in a sermon on "Jacob's Deception": "Jacob and Esau—twins! But they were not at all alike—they were as unlike as William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt."

With that start interest is bound to be aroused. It is maintained throughout the short, snappy exposition. The contributions are of uneven merit. Rev. Allen Eastman Cross writes with special freshness and charm. An index of passages interpreted ought to be added to the book.

Prayers for Use in Home, School and Sunday School. Selected by Frederica Beard. New York: Doran, 1917. Pp. 81. \$0.60.

The selections in this volume are made with excellent taste and cover a wide range of sources. The material is grouped in four sections: for little children under nine; for boys and girls up to fourteen; for young people; and prayers for use on special occasions. The book will be useful in the education of children in home and church.

A new edition has been issued of Professor Arthur S. Hoyt's volume on preaching (*The Work of Preaching*, Macmillan, \$1.50). To it have been added several new chapters which greatly enhance the value of the book.